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In re application of :  
Bailey et al. :  
Serial No.: 10/820,972 : STARCH BINDER COMPOSITIONS,  
Filing Date: April 8, 2004 : METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME  
Art Unit 1755 : AND PRODUCTS FORMED  
THEREFROM

STATUS INQUIRY

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312  
September 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants' records reflect that it has been over twenty-nine months since the above-captioned patent application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. To date, we have not received substantive examination of the captioned application.

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Applicants respectfully request the expected mailing date of a first Office Action for this application.

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